# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

# **January 20th, 2019**

"...let all those that put their trust in THEE rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because THOU defendest them: let them also that love THY name be joyful in THEE"

(PSALM 5:11)



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# Sunday mornings beginning at 10 am, and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm

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This evening's podcast will be from our PASTOR
ROMANS 5:10 — WE SHALL BE SAVED

Recorded on Sunday morning, January 17th, 2016

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## Sovereign Grace Church Conference

FEB 22ND @ 7:30 PM | FEB 23RD @ 8 AM (MEN'S BREAKFAST), 6 PM | FEB 24TH @ 10 AM PASTOR CLAY CURTIS. & PASTOR TODD NIBERT

#### COME!

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST" (MATTHEW 11:28)

The Gospel is not an offer from God. He does not offer His mercy and grace so that it is up to your acceptance or rejection of what is offered as to whether or not you will have it. He does not offer anyone the forgiveness of sins. He does not offer salvation, and then wait and see if we accept His offer. If any aspect of salvation is an offer, that means the determining factor of salvation lies in man's decision to accept or reject the offer. That is salvation by works in grace clothing. The Gospel is a gracious command. When He says, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden" (MATTHEW 11:28), that is an imperative. "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink" (JOHN 7:37), that is an imperative. When we read, "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (REVELATION 22:17), that is a gracious command. I need not wonder if I am offered salvation or invited to believe. Being weary and heavy laden, I am commanded to come to Him for rest. Thirsting, I am commanded to come to Him and drink. Having nothing to pay, I am commanded to take the water of life freely. God does not offer. He commands. And the ability to obey the command comes with the commandment. When He commanded the man with the withered hand to stretch forth his hand, the man stretched forth his withered hand. When He says to a man....believe.....he believes! PASTOR TODD NIBERT

# **SURE INDICATIONS OF SALVATION**

"...NOT HAVING MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH IS OF THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST," (PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9)

Before the Lord saved Saul he was a pride-filled, ambitious, sinner lost in religion who would heed no one's voice but his own. After Christ appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus and knocked him off his high horse the Lord called him by name and this was Saul's two fold response, "Who art thou Lord?" and "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Until we have been saved from the great death, we are yet in need of God's gracious operation in the mind and in the heart so that we see what we are and who he is. Have you been made to see yourself and your works as dung? Have you been made to ask, "Who art thou Lord?" Have you been made to tremble in amazement so that you say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Have you been made to confess with Paul saying, "Yea doubtless, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God, by faith." If so, then rejoice evermore, brethren, for God has graciously granted you true faith and repentance. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh (PHILIPPIANS 3:3). PASTOR CLAY CURTIS

# YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM

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The believers standing in Christ does not fluctuate with his feelings, not even the increase or decrease of his faith or understanding or anything else. He stands complete in Christ. God would never trust any of His children to stand before him at anytime in their own selves – that is, in their merits or certain good frames of mind. He knows our frame. He remembers that we are yet dust. Therefore, He has on purpose provided for them this perfect standing in Christ Jesus. "Ye are complete in Him," the Holy Ghost said. He says in another place, "Ye are perfect in Christ Jesus," (Col. 1:28.) The very nature of our God requires us to be perfect and complete before Him at all times. He, out of necessity, therefore provided all this for His children: a perfection, a completeness, which can never be diminished. It is as unchanging as God himself, (Hebrews 6:17; 13:8). Every true believer may walk through this world in perfect liberty, free from anything and everything – yes, even his sin, fear of condemnation, and all else that would cause him to doubt of his completeness. He may freely come to God, worship Him, call Him "Father," and this he may do at all times with the utmost confidence and thankfulness, because in Christ he stands, first and foremost and always, complete before God. O thanks be to God for Jesus Christ.

# LET ALL THOSE THAT PUT THEIR TRUST IN THEE REJOICE

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Beloved, God's elect, God's people: we trust not in ourselves nor in men, we trust not in our own righteousness, we trust not in our own strength, but rather ever so blessedly by God's grace in Christ—we trust in God's name, in His righteousness, and in His power. Oh LORD we trust in you! LORD, let your people ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name, be joyful in thee!

What do God's people do? My friend, they trust Him and they love His name, indeed they love the LORD Himself because of the work of His hands, both in creation and redemption, because of the Covenant of His grace, everlasting love, and especially because of the unspeakable gift of His great love for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; "For God so loved the world..." not just His elect amongst the Jews, but His elect amongst all the nations "...that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (JOHN 3:16).

Indeed LORD, let them that trust in Thee rejoice and "...let them that love thy name, be joyful in Thee" (PSALM 5:11).

Beloved, don't you love His name? The angel of the Lord declared, "Call His name JESUS for He shall save His people from their sins!" Oh I love His name!

Beloved, in this gospel dispensation we can say it all the more boldly: we call 'His name JESUS for He has saved us from all our sins' [MATTHEW 1:21]. AMEN!

## IN HIM I HAVE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND STRENGTH

"SURELY, SHALL ONE SAY, IN THE LORD HAVE I RIGHTEOUSNESS AND STRENGTH: EVEN TO HIM SHALL MEN COME; AND ALL THAT ARE INCENSED AGAINST HIM SHALL BE ASHAMED" (ISAIAH 45:24)

This blessed Christ is "the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth;" (ROMANS 10:4) and, under deep depression of spirit, real faith will be vehemently struggling after the enjoyment of this truth, and the soul will be feelingly crying, "O to be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith!" The Lord reveals the glorious righteousness of Christ to faith, and faith receives and bears witness to the conscience of its reality, and of its blessed suitableness to the sinner's case and to the honor of God. And it is one branch of the work of faith to enter into the blessedness of this justifying righteousness, and so, under the power and unction of God the Holy Ghost, to bring justification into the sinner's conscience, thus enabling him to say, "In the LORD have I righteousness and strength." [AMEN!]